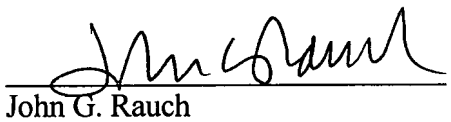
REMARKS

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter this amendment amending claims 1-9 and adding new claims 10-16. No new matter is added by these amendments. Support for these amendments is found throughout the specification, particularly in FIGS. 3, and 4 and the specification associated therewith.

Please note that new claims 10-16 are being presented to provide additional coverage for printing systems and host machines and so are not being presented for reasons related to patentability as defined in *Festo Corporation v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., Ltd*, 234 F.3d 558, 56 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. 2000) (*en banc*), *overruled in part*, 535 U.S. 722 (2002).

With this response, the application is believed to be in condition for early action on the merits. Should the examiner deem a telephone conference to be of assistance in advancing the application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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